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Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for responding to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2001.

The requested extension is for three (3) months, extending the period for response to March 9, 2002.

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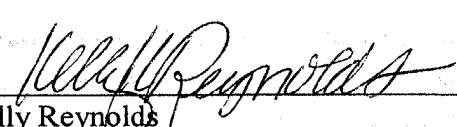
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Respectfully submitted,

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